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Middle School Reunion
立体駐車場
Huh,
Machida-kun?
.....

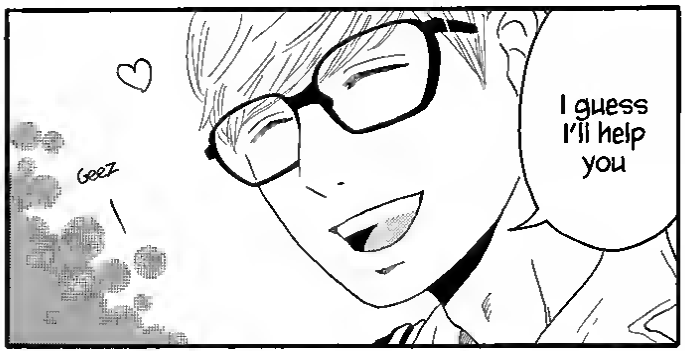
Hug
Himuro-kun
Wah, what a coinci-dence!

What's wrong
Because it's summer vacation! We haven't met in a while!

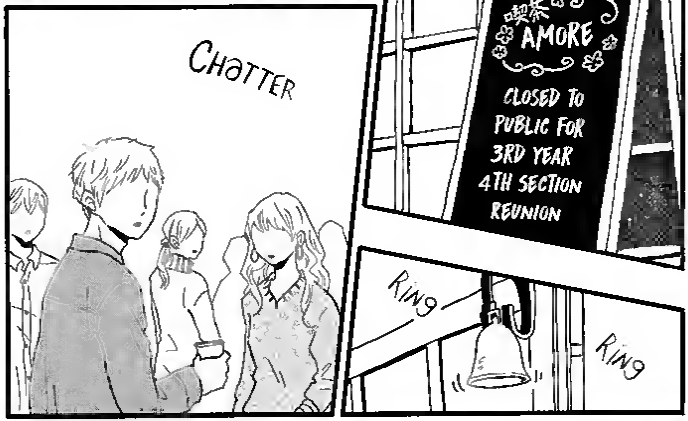
I guess
You take forever replying to my texts
Sorry (I'm bad with text-ing)
What are you doing, where are you going
WHOOSH
WHOOSH

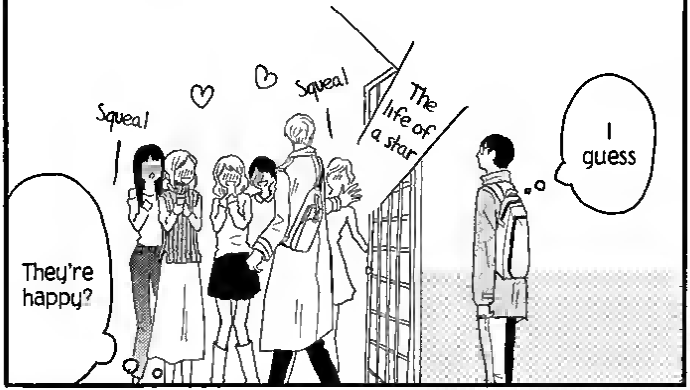
.....
Heh, a reunion
From my 3rd year of middle school
Choking
tapping out

You were lost, weren't you!
Totally
FLINCH
Eh,
You're going in the opposite direction

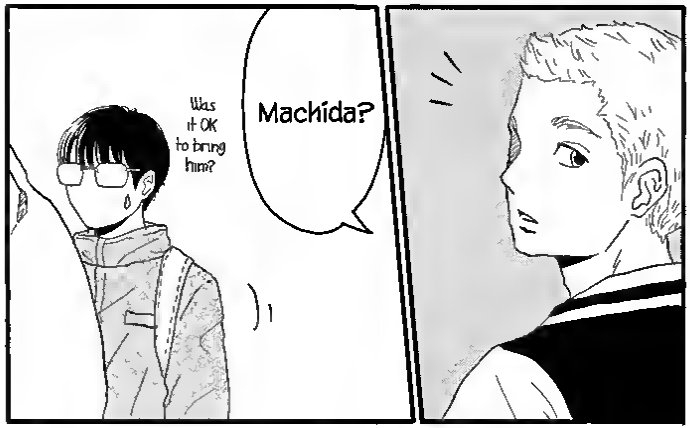

I guess I'll help you
GEEZ

TN NOTE ON JAPANESE SCHOOL STRUCTURE: JAPAN HAS A VERY DIFFERENT SCHOOL STRUCTURE THAN THE US (NOT SURE ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES). IN THE US TEACHERS ARE ASSIGNED CLASSROOMS WHICH STUDENTS MOVE TO AND FROM. WHILE IN JAPAN, THE STUDENTS ARE ASSIGNED A CLASSROOM THAT TEACHERS GO TO. THAT'S WHY GRADES ARE BROKEN UP INTO MULTIPLE "SECTIONS" EVERY NEW SCHOOL YEAR. THIS IS WHY THE MIDDLE SCHOOL REUNION IS FOR THE SPECIFIC SECTION ONLY INSTEAD OF THE WHOLE GRADE



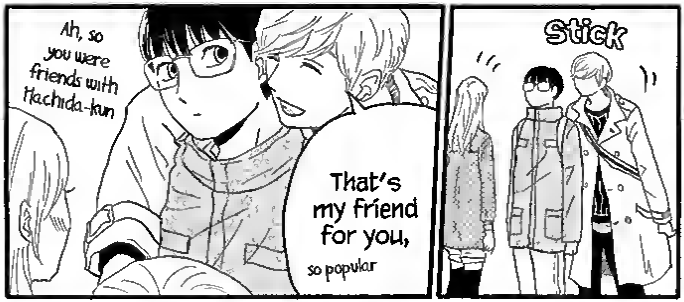

Squeal
Squeal
The life of a star
I guess
They're happy?

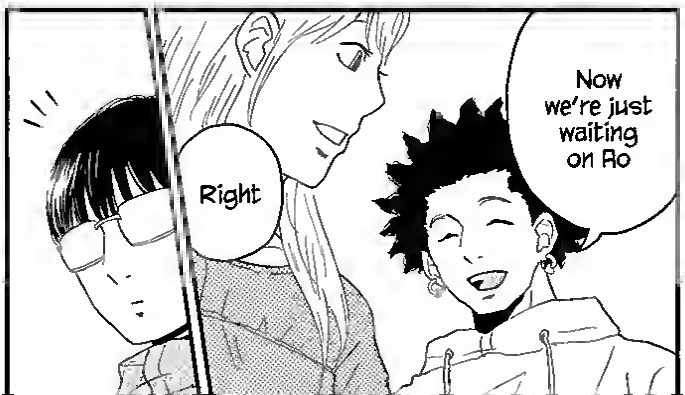
Ah, maybe not?
Geh
What's with that guy, tsk
The guys


Was it OK to bring him?
Machida?

Eh
Machida-kun?
Whoa
How've you been?
It's been a while!

You still using a flip phone?
Yea
Guessed so, you take forever replying
Sorry

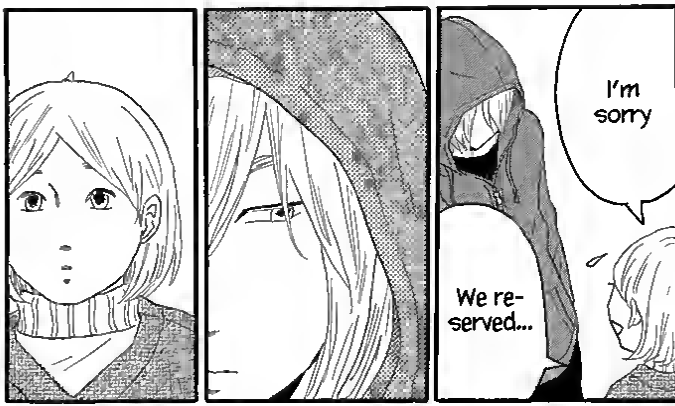

Ah, so you were friends with Hachida-kun
That's my friend for you,
so popular
Stick


Now we're just waiting on Ao
Right

Aoike-kun? He's coming too?
He didn't RSVP but
He'll probably come
Yeah,
He was the leader of the class
An idol for the girls too!
SURPRISE
The shadow (hidden) idol
Is he that cool,
more than me?
Eh,
squeal
Not exactly cool but,
wanna see a photo?

A good guy
He went to the best prep school
Genius!
Really the leader type
He's bright and kind to everyone
体育祭
青池
Eh,
I'm unpopular as always though?
Do you have a girlfriend Machida-kun!?
What if he has a girlfriend now
Hmm
Lost interest
Ah!
OK?
Stay that way okay
That's great

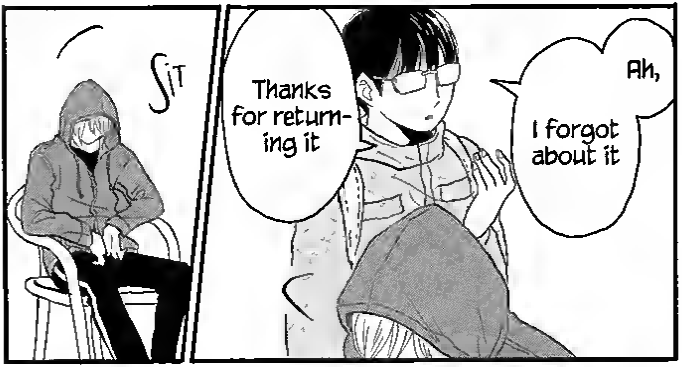
RING
RING
AH

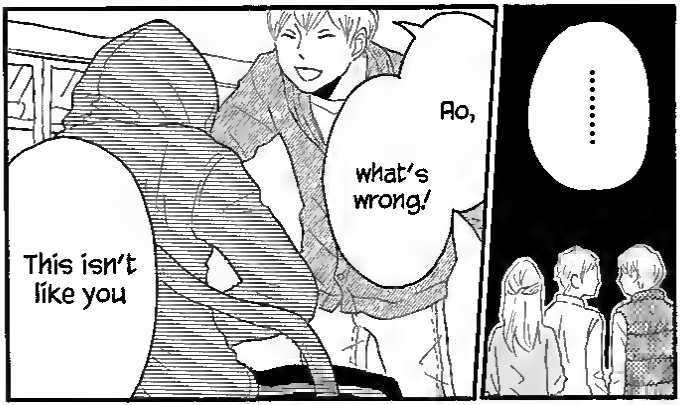

I'm sorry
We re-served...

Ao!?
Eh,
Ao?

STEP
STEP
Ao
Changed your style?
You've
.....
Hn

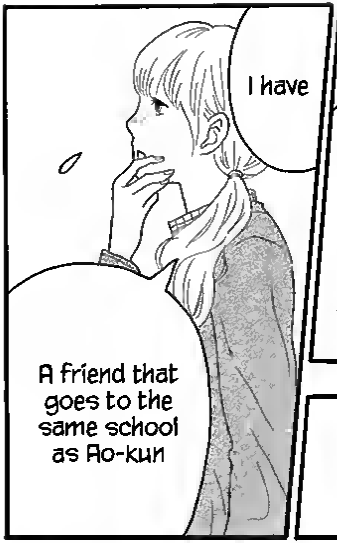
Eraser...
MONO
Machida
消


Sit
Thanks for returning it
Ah, I forgot about it

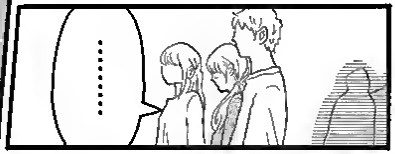

Ao, what's wrong!
This isn't like you
.....

What's
Fuck off!
SILENCE

Hey
CHATTER
CHATTER


I have
A friend that goes to the same school as Ao-kun

What's with that,
Is that really Ao?
He's completely different
Scary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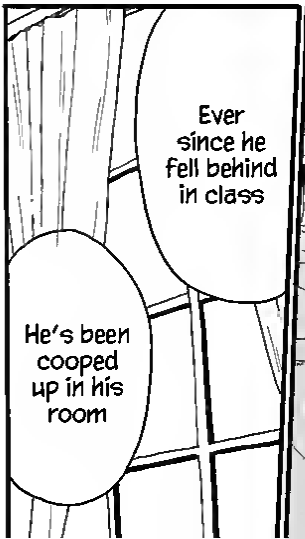
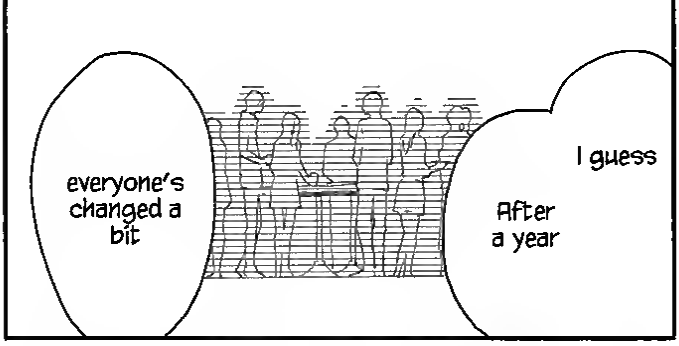
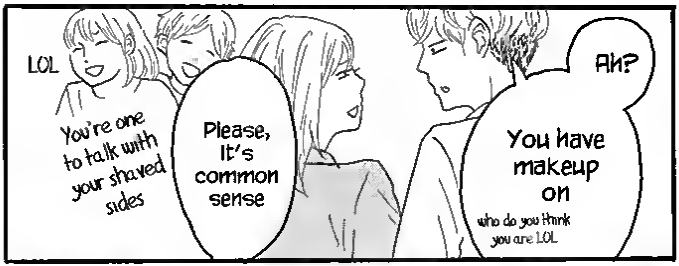

Ever since he fell behind in class
He's been cooped up in his room

She said that he stopped coming

Come today
MUNCH
MUNCH
Eh,
then why did he
But I didn't think it was that bad...
Why are you here then
.....
To return the eraser?
MACHIDA'S
Aha, Machida-kun
Eh?

You haven't changed
Haha, that's so Machida-kun
It's the same from middle school
You're still using that backpack?
Eh, Yeah
it's not broken after all
Thank god LOL
.....
Sorry, who are you
Geez, it's Sato, Sato Tama
!
Before
Satou Tamami 15 years old


everyone's changed a bit
After a year
I guess


LOL
You're one to talk with your shaved sides
Please, it's common sense
Ah?
You have makeup on
who do you think you are LOL

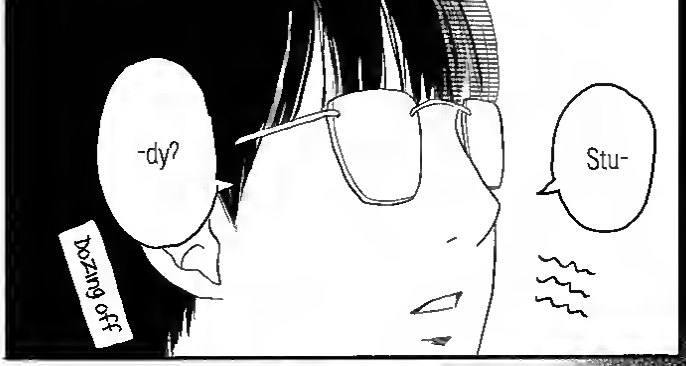
I didn't change?
STILL THE SAME AS EVER THOUGH
OF COURSE MACHIDA-KUN IS FRIENDS WITH HIMURO-KUN
Not one bit
Machida-kun hasn't change at all!
.....

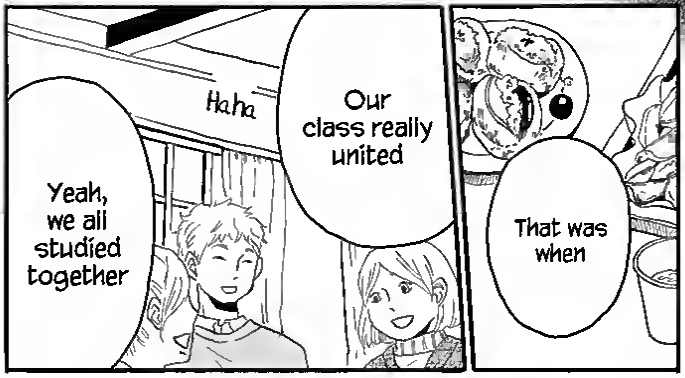
A lot
Has hap-
pened
In a
year
You
guys
remem-
ber
Machida's
entrance
exam
Haha
Who
doesn't
LOL

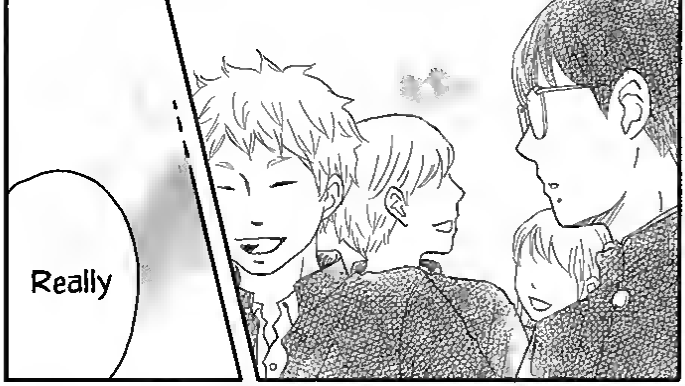
Eh
You see
THUMP
I've never heard that story about Machida-kun!
FLASH
Eh
Shaaa_
rumble
rumble
No way
Are you sure
....Yeah, Machida-kun

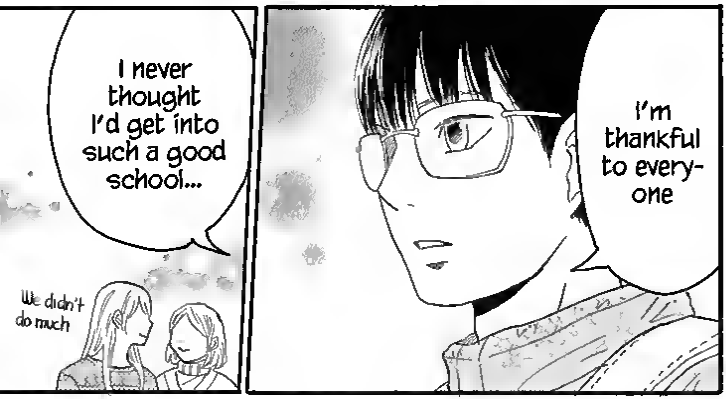
FLASH
Only has
One option for High school
CHATTER
How bad are his grades...
I can't believe it...
Even though he's so serious...
He's a good guy...
CLATTER
I'm worried about Machida-kun's future
GULP

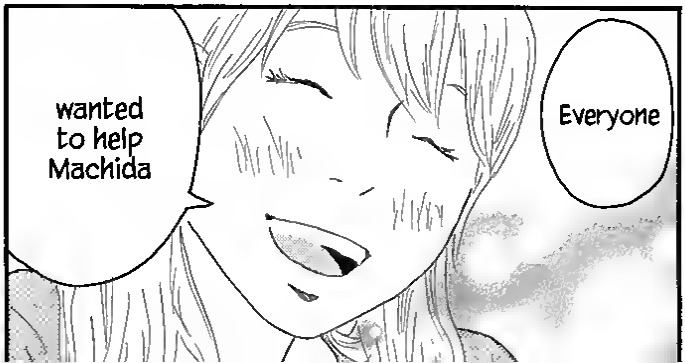
Let's
Work together!
Ao
Every-one
fWUMP
fWUMP
数学
BAM
Let's study together
Machida,
until the entrance exams

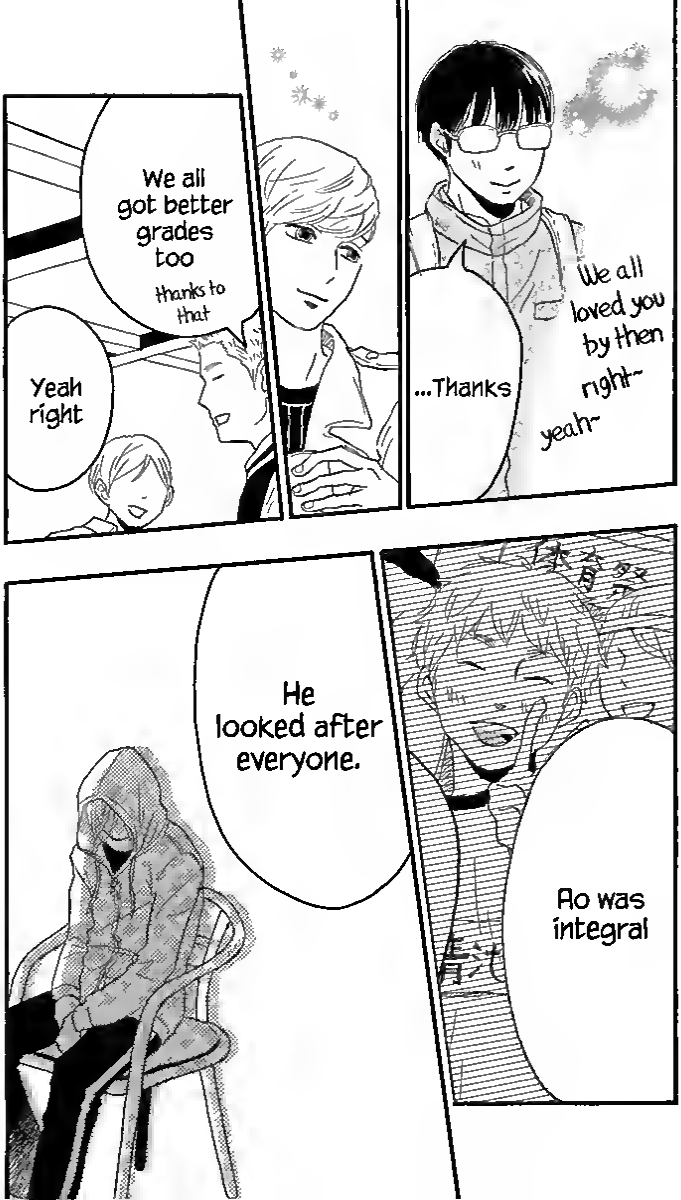

Stu-
-dy?
Dozing off


That was when
Our class really united
Haha
Yeah, we all studied together


Really


I never thought I'd get into such a good school...
We didn't do much
I'm thankful to everyone


wanted to help Machida
Everyone


We all loved you by then right~
yeah~
...Thanks
We all got better grades too
thanks to that
Yeah right
Ao was integral
He looked after everyone.

...If he
Really changed
Can't we change him back?
.....
That's right!
Despite becoming a shut-in he came today
He must want us to help him
.....
Yeah

Change him
Ao
Back?
Hey Ao
We want to help you
Tell us what's wrong

We want to bring back the real you!
I'm

You don't know me
This is the real me
Studying, caring
Every-thing
I always put up a front for you guys

I was just forcing myself!
CLATTER
Never
Send me an invitation again
同窓会の案内

Tell us more
Wanna know why I helped you study?
.....
About who you really are

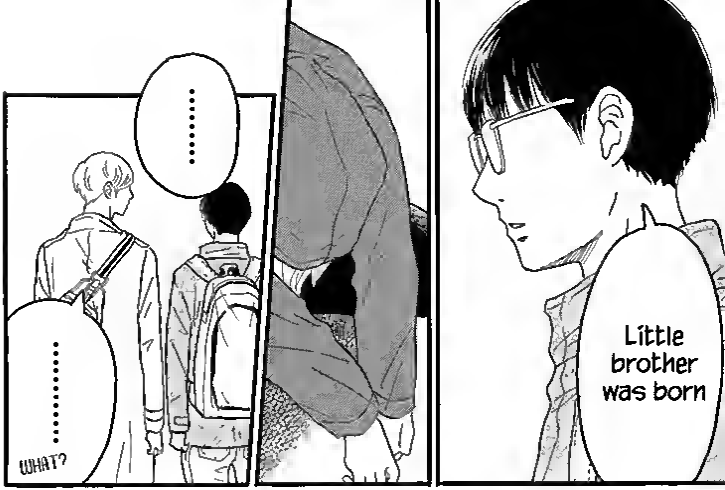
It's because I looked down on you
I pitied how
Useless you were

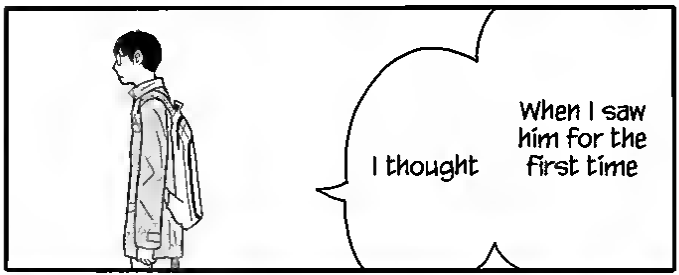
I won't forgive you if you keep
Making fun of my friend

What's with you!
...Why
Machida!
Why are you always
No matter how use-less

Loved by everyone!
I've always been told to become useful
That's why I've always been faking who I am
Otherwise you aren't worth anything

But I couldn't change the real me
I'm still an idiot
That's useless and has no worth
...My

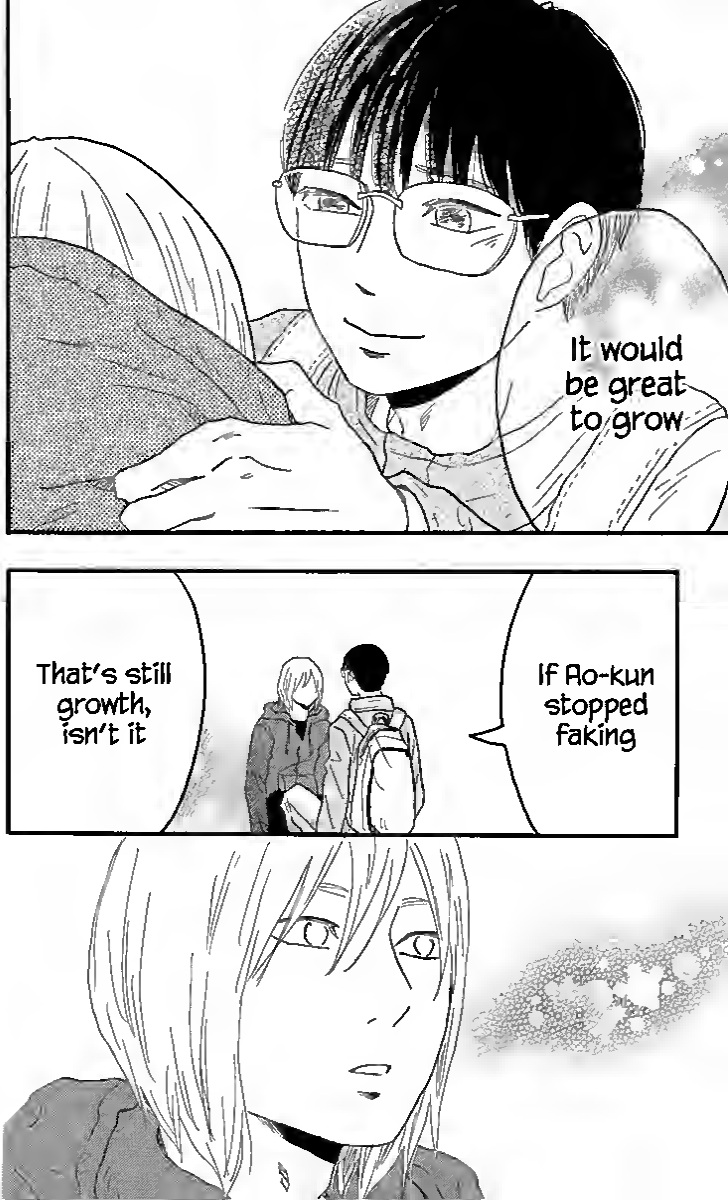

Little brother was born
.....
.....
WHAT?

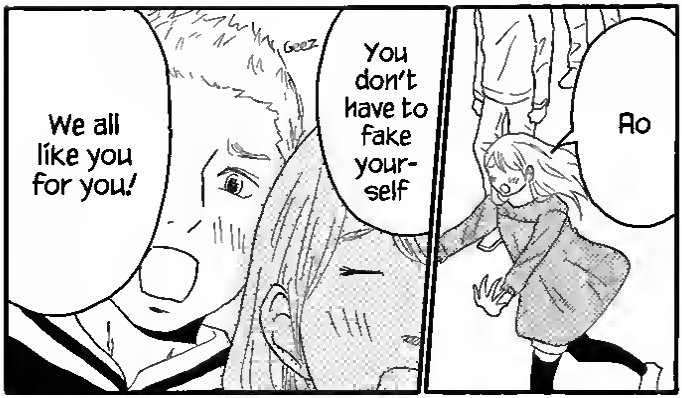

When I saw him for the first time
I thought

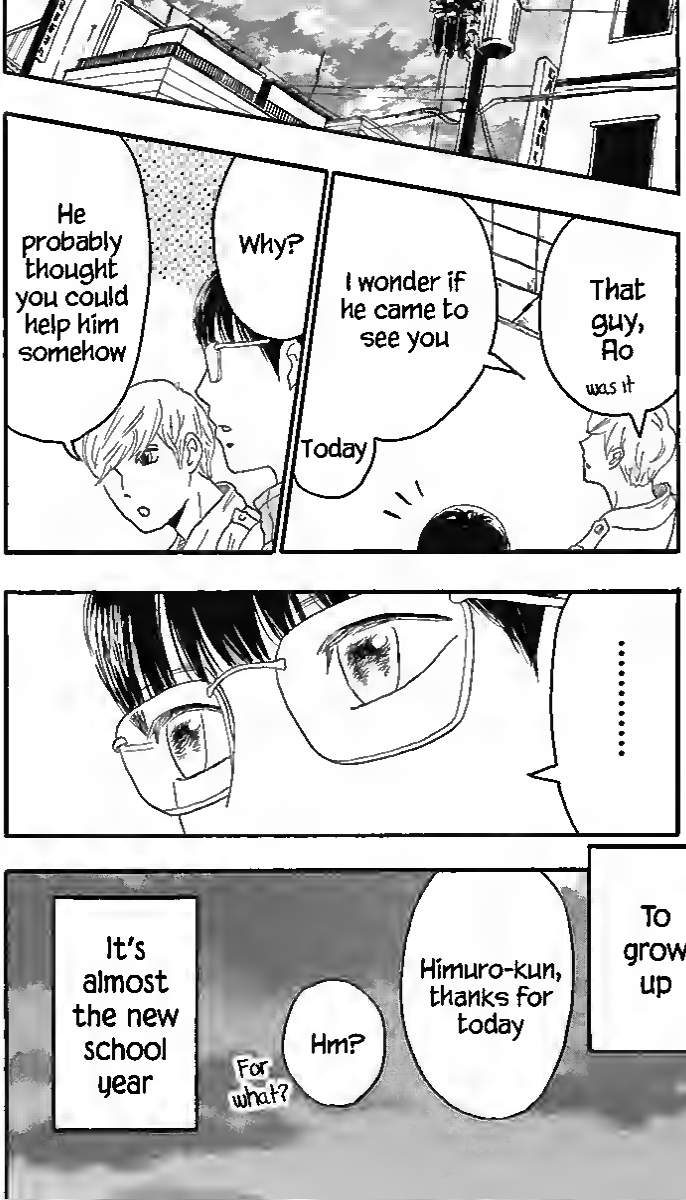
It's OK
For someone
To just be born into this world

Just being born
Is more than enough

Worthless people don't exist
Even if
It's little by little


It would be great to grow
If Ao-kun stopped faking
That's still growth, isn't it


Ao
You don't have to fake yourself
Geez
We all like you for you!


That guy, Ao was it
I wonder if he came to see you Today
Why?
He probably thought you could help him somehow
.....
To grow up
Himuro-kun, thanks for today
Hm? For what?
It's almost the new school year